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DISASTER RESPONSE SERVICES



Community Assessment of Unmet Needs

For Long Term Recovery Groups (LTRG)

What does an Unmet Needs Assessment provide?

- Locates the vulnerable and most needy
- Identifies resources available for recovery
- Provides data to support a recovery budget
- Prioritizes the unmet needs

When is the best time to schedule an Unmet Needs Assessment?

- After the emergency phase
- After the long term recovery group (LTRG) is operational
- When most people know their FEMA, SBA and insurance payouts

What does World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) provide?

- A two-week team of trained volunteers
- A data entry volunteer who will train a representative of the LTRG
- A licensed database which becomes property of the LTRG

- Forms with the LTRG's name on them
- Reimbursement of volunteer expenses for housing and travel

What does the LTRG provide?

- A primary contact person to assist in planning
- A dedicated computer (see computer requirements below), copy machine, telephone and answering machine
- Interpreters, if needed
- Advance publicity via news media, flyers, church bulletins
- Assistance in finding housing for volunteers

What are the features of the database?

- User-friendly data entry
- Reporting
- A detailed estimate of the total cost for recovery
- The ability to prioritize clients based on demographic and vulnerability factors
- The ability to sort clients according to needs (construction, household, personal)
- Summary information

What are the computer requirements?

- Operating system: Microsoft® Vista, Windows 7, or Windows 8
- Database software: Microsoft® Office 2003 Professional or newer. MUST include Microsoft Word and Access programs.

How do you get a team?

- World Renew DRS Managers will work with you to get ready for an Unmet Needs Assessment
- A formal request is sent to the World Renew DRS Director

Why is publicity so important?

It has been proven that LTRGs that do advanced publicity have a better response from the community. It is important to have several different forms of publicity to increase the potential of everyone in the community hearing about the Unmet Needs Assessment.

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